Redistribution of Mappilla ranges of Sub-Assistant Inspectors of Schools.

1353 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether, when new ranges of sub-assistant inspectors of schools were opened in Malabar in 1919 and 1921, the Government took into consideration the question of the redistribution of Mappilla ranges; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the two ranges of Mappilla sub-assistant inspectors are larger in area and heavier in the numbers of schools than the ranges of Hindu sub-assistant inspectors?

A.—(a) Additional ranges were opened in Malabar district in 1919 and the Director of Public Instruction considered at the time the question of redistribution of Mappilla ranges also. No new ranges were formed in 1921.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative. There are, however, three ranges of Mappilla sub-assistant inspectors in Malabar.

Abolition of capitation allowance to Board and Municipal Elementary Mappilla schools.

1354 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether final orders have been passed on the question of abolishing capitation allowances to teachers of board and municipal elementary schools, and, if orders have been passed, how the interests of teachers in Mappilla schools have been safeguarded in regulating their pay, as they have been drawing double the rate of capitation allowance paid in the case of Hindu schools owing to the difficulties of work in Mappilla schools; and

(b) whether, in connexion with the abolition of capitation allowance any difference has been made between the salaries of teachers in Hindu and Mappilla schools respectively?

A.—Final orders have not yet been passed on the question of abolishing capitation allowances to teachers of Board and Municipal elementary schools.

Training of Mappilla teachers.

1355 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) having regard to the existing scarcity of trained Mappilla teachers for Mappilla schools, what steps, if any, have been taken or are contemplated for training Mappilla teachers to a more adequate extent; and

(b) how many Mappillas have applied for admission during each of the past five years to the various training schools in Malabar, and how many have secured admission?

A.—(a) Government maintain a special training school for Mappilla teachers at Malappuram, while applicants are received also into the other training schools in Malabar district, viz., at Calicut, Cannanore, Tellicherry and Palghat.

(b) Government have no information regarding the number of Mappillas who have applied for admission to training schools but are informed that 80 students were under training in the year 1920–21.